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1911, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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History of The Quest Club

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THE QUEST CLUB

Founded 1911

Fort Wayne, Indiana

An organization of Business Men
seeking knowledge directly applicable
to their best interest in Business and
the Best Interest of the Community

Limited in number of Members

No outside speakers

Guests are Welcome

In order to preserve the History
of the QUEST CLUB this brochure
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THE QUEST CLUB

Fort Wayne, Indiana

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HISTORY

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The Fort Wayne QUEST CLUB was founded in 1911. So far as is known, it is the oldest luncheon club in Fort Wayne. It is unique in many ways. There are no outside speakers. Membership is by selection, not by application. When one is invited to become a "Questor", two requirements must be met. (1) Dues must be paid annually. (2) When a paper is assigned to a Quest Club member, the assignment must be accepted. In many instances the subject assigned is not one with which the reader of the paper is usually familiar. The purpose of this is to require research and study, for self-improvement.

After a paper has been presented, it is discussed by those present. Members are privileged to bring guests. The guests are given the privilege of entering into the discussion period. It is customary to preserve all Quest Club papers and have them filed at the City Library. Committees are appointed by the Board of Governors. These Committees consist of (1) Evening Program, (2) Noon-day Program, (3) Membership, (4) Attendance, (5) House, (6) Publicity, and (7) Civic. The President, Vice-President and Secretary Treasurer are elected by the Board of Governors. There is a permanent Librarian.

In the latter part of 1911, in the home of E. H. Merritt, a meeting was called to consider plans for an organization to develop greater co-operation and inter-change of ideas between active business and professional men in Fort Wayne. At the first meeting those present were: E. H. Merritt, C. B. Fitch and

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After a paper has been prepared, it is discussed [illegible] given the privilege of entering into the discussion [illegible]. It is necessary to preserve all great [illegible] papers and some [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] discussions are supplied by the [illegible] [illegible]. These Constitutions contain (1) Meeting Dates, (2) [illegible] Program, (3) [illegible] Fees, (4) [illegible] Officers, (5) [illegible], and (6) Duties. The President, Vice-President and [illegible] Treasurer are elected by the [illegible] of [illegible]. There is a [illegible].

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E. W. Puckett. It was decided to enlist the interest of other business and professional men. The Club was incorporated December 1st, 1911, and named "The Quest Club".

The original incorporaters were E. W. Puckett, Arthur F. Hall, Myron Downing, E. F. Yarnell, C. B. Fitch and E. H. Merritt. The first meeting was held January 2nd, 1912. During the year there were forty-one members. The new club kept a business library and all papers presented before the club were made part of the records.

For a time outside speakers were invited to present papers. Among the first outside speakers were such well known business men as Harry N. Tolles, Business Building Teacher from Chicago. His subject was "Personal Efficiency". John Lee Mahin, President of the Mahin Advertising Co., Chicago, presented a paper on "Advertising". Walter Dill Scott, Psychology Department of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, presented the subject, "Utilizing Changed Industrial Conditions". Albert S. Leitch, Business Counselor of Cleveland, Ohio, presented the subject "Strengthening the Organization", Melvin W. Mix, President of Dodge Manufacturing Co., Mishawaka, Indiana, presented the subject "Administration Departments".

Among the members delivering papers early in the history of Quest were Judge Owen N. Heaton, Ben F. Heaton, E. H. Merritt and John Landenberger. Among earlier speakers were Fred S. Hunting, Harry P. Fletcher (now deceased), B. Paul Mossman, Geo. H. Van Arnam, G. H. Heine and S. B. Bechtel. Among the early outstanding events was a dinner given to General and Mrs. H. M. Lord, April 1923. Charter members who still survive are Max Blitz, G. H. Heine, B. Paul Mossman, G. H. Van Arnam and Fred S. Hunting.

Speakers from out of town included Harrington Emerson, Frank A. Vanderlip, Edgar Guest, Hamilton Fish, Clifton Fadiman, Lowell Thomas, Elbert Hubbard and others. Strickland Gillian, author of "Off Again, Gone again, Finnegan" was a visiting speaker. In 1920 Lee J. Ninde of Fort Wayne delivered a paper on "The Civic Needs of Fort Wayne". Burt Griswold, a Questor, beloved by all, was successful in launching several books on Fort Wayne and some of its noted citizens.

In conclusion we say: "Other men labored, and we are entered into their labors". (John 4;38)

FORMER PRESIDENTS

1912-13	E. F. Yarnelle
1913-14	C. B. Fitch
1914-15	Geo. H. Van Arnam
1915-16	H. Brooke Sale
1916-17	W. H. Scheiman
1917-18	E. J. Little (*) S. B. Bechtel
1918-19	Albert E. Thomas
1919-20	Walter S. Goll
1920-21	J. M. Barrett
1921-22	C. C. Miller
1922-23	Wm. C. Rastetter, Sr.
1923-24	C. I. Hall
1924-25	C. L. Baird
1925-26	Oscar G. Foellinger
1926-27	Jas. W. Haughton
1927-28	Ben F. Geyer
1928-29	Edward G. Hoffman
1929-30	E. M. Wilson
1930-31	L. C. Ward
1931-32	Arthur K. Remmel
1932-33	Donnelly P. McDonald
1933-34	Arthur W. Young
1934-35	Joseph P. Doody
1935-36	Dr. Karl C. Eberly
1936-37	Edwin R. Thomas
1937-38	R. Nelson Snider
1938-39	Harry E. Lowery
1939-40	Robert Koerber, Jr.
1940-41	S. W. McGill
1941-42	John C. Hoffman
1942-43	Dick F. Waterfield
1943-44	Thomas J. Kelly
1944-45	R. F. Baird
1945-46	Chas. M. Harrison
1946-47	Dwight Shirey
1947-48	Verlin J. Harrold

QUEST CLUB OFFICERS: 1947-1948

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William S. Mossman.....Vice-President
H. Leslie Popp.....Secy.-Treas.

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Ben F. Geyer

Permanent Librarian -

Rex. M. Potterf

1947 NOONDAY PROGRAM 1948

Oct. 3 Rev. Elmer E. Voelkel D.D.

"Can Civilization Servive?"

Oct. 10 Albert H. Schaaf

"The Chamber of Commerce Takes a Bow"

Oct. 17 Thomas J. Kelly

"The Nations Fuel Situation"

Oct. 24 Clarence R. McNabb

"Security in a Changing World"

Oct. 31 Max Blitz

"Salesmanship for 58 Years"

Nov. 7 Dale McMillen, Sr.

"The Story of Soybeans"

Nov. 14 Robert Koerber, Jr.

"Gems of Romance"

Nov. 21 Frank Dunigan

"World of Sports"

Nov. 28 David Cunningham

"The Outlook for Statesmanlike Labor Leadership"

Dec. 5 Frederick E. Perfect

"While Rome Burns"

Jan. 9 Dr. A. N. Ferguson

"Psychosomatic Medicine"

Jan. 16 Von E. Livingston

"Industrial Competition on the Wane"

Jan. 23 Otto H. Adams

"More Valley Authorities like TVA"

Jan. 30 William Waterfield

"Leisure Opportunities"

Feb. 6 Harry W. Baals

"Crossroads of America"

Feb. 13 Allan McMahan

Feb. 20 Dr. Geo. Wm. Allison

"Basis of Civilized Culture"

Feb. 27 Walter L. Walb

"The Export Boom - Boom or Bust"

March 5 William C. Rastetter, Jr.

"Gentlemen Be Seated"

March 12 C. V. Sorensen

"Electric Heat Pump-Coming New Industry"

March 19 Alex M. Campbell

"Crusade for a Christian World"

April 2 Dr. Victor Hilgeman

"Conservation and its Relation to Health"

April 9 William Kunkle, Jr.

"Our State University"

April 16 Geo. W. Fishering

"Sketches of Presidential Candidates"

April 23 Richard J. O'Conner

"Hamilton and Jefferson in
the Light of to-day"

April 30 Otto Marahrens

"Organized vs Private Charities"

May 7 Charles H. Buesching

"We Owe it to Ourselves"

QUEST CLUB ROSTER

ACTIVE MEMBERS

(Numerals indicate year admitted to Quest)

Merle J. Abbett '33
Superintendent of Schools

Otto H. Adams '46
Zollner Machine Works

Rev. Geo. Wm. Allison D.D. '47
First Presbyterian Church

Edward D. Auer '45
Vice-President
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.

Harry W. Baals '22
Former Mayor of Fort Wayne

Richard F. Baird '32
Vice Pres. & General Counsel
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.

James M. Barrett, Jr. '32
Attorney
Barrett, Barrett & McNagny

Dr. H. T. Berkey, D.D.S. '35
Orthodontist

Max J. Blitz '12
M. J. Blitz Agency

Frank E. Bohn '22
President
Home Telephone & Tel. Co.

Charles H. Buesching '31
President
Lincoln National Bank & Trust Co.

Eugene L. Bulson, M.D. '35
Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist

Andrew G. Burry '15
Chairman of the Board
Wayne Paper Box & Printing Co.

D. F. Cameron, M.D. '35
Surgeon

Alex M. Campbell '44
U. S. District Attorney

Ernest R. Carlo, M.D. '37
Pediatrician

Cecil F. Cross '36
Vice-Pres. & Agency Manager
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.

David Cunningham '44
Secy. & Asst. to President
Tokheim Oil Tank & Pump Co.

W. Marshall Dale '37
Executive Vice-Pres.
Bowser, Inc.

Edwin H. Dickmeyer '35
President
Fort Wayne Printing Co.

Joseph P. Doody '28
Vice-Pres.
Wolf & Dessauer

Frank Dunigan '41
President
Brinkman Corp.

Karl C. Eberly, M.D. '38
Physician & Surgeon

George W. Fishering '44
President
Geo. W. Fishering, Inc.

Robert H. Fletcher '47
President
Central Soya Co.

A. N. Ferguson, M.D. '47
Diagnosis Internal Medicine

Ernest J. Gallmeyer '19
Vice-Pres. & Director of Sales
Wayne Pump Co.

Ben F. Geyer '19
President
Wayne Pump Co.

W. C. Glass '31
Retired

Arthur L. Hadley '21
General Electric Co.

Holman Hamilton '41
The Journal-Gazette Co.

Chas. M. Harrison '35
International Harvester Co.
(Retired)

Verlin J. Harrold '38
General Agent
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.

Gottleib H. Heine '12
President
Meyer Bros. Co.

Walter E. Helmke '35
Attorney

Victor H. Hilgeman '35
D.D.S. - Dental Surgeon

John C. Hoffman '19
Attorney

Harry G. Hogan '24
President
Dime Trust & Savings Bank

Samuel D. Jackson '41
Attorney at Law

S. Allan Jacobs '40
Vice-Pres.
Phelps-Dodge Copper Products Co.

Martin D. Johnson '35
General Auditor
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.

William L. Jones '21
President
Flashfold Box Corp.

Thomas J. Kelly '35
Division Manager
Northern Indiana Public Service Co.

Alfred W. Kettler '38
President
Indiana Engineering & Construction Co.

Robert Klaehn '43
Robert Klaehn & Sons

Robert Koerber '13
President
Robert Koerber, Inc.

Robert Koerber, Jr. '37
Secy.-Treas.
Robert Koerber, Inc.

Rev. Paul H. Krauss, D.D. '26
Trinity English Lutheran Church

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Publisher
Journal-Gazette Co.

Milton B. Larimer '16
Chairman of the Board
Protective Electric Supply Co.

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President
Fort Wayne National Bank

Von E. Livingston '47
Attorney
Campbell, Livingston, Teeple & Dildine

Harry E. Lowery '29
Retired

H. Clive McAlister, M.D. '37
Medical Director
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.

A. J. McAndless '35
President
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Angus C. McCoy '24
President
Taxpayers Research Association

Donnelly P. McDonald '29
President & Treasurer
Peoples Trust & Savings Co.

K. V. B. McDonald '38
Contractor

S. W. McGill '31
Writer

Allan McMahan '45
Owner
Lehman Book Store

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Central Soya Co.

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Edward C. Miller Realtor	'16
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William S. Mossman Treasurer Mossman-Yarnell Co.	'35
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Richard A. O'Connor President Magnavox Co.	'43
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Rex M. Potterf Public Library	'29
Wm. C. Rastetter, Jr. Louis Rastetter & Sons	'37
Amos Richie Fort Wayne National Bank	'22

Frank Roberts Journal-Gazette Co.	'45
Thomas Robson Vice Pres. & Treas. Wayne Knitting Mill	'41
Ermin P. Ruf President Wayne Paper Box & Ptg. Co.	'44
Albert H. Schaaf Schaaf & Auer, Inc.	'40
Edward F. Scheumann	'20
Carl A. Siebel President & Mgr. Superior Coal Co.	'35
B. P. Shearon Vice-Pres. & Secy. Indiana Service Corp.	'41
Dwight Shirey Secy-Treas. Patterson-Fletcher Co.	'38
Benj. F. Shirk Realtor	'28
John L. Slick Slicks Family Washing Co.	'30
R. Nelson Snider Principal South Side High School	'35
Trygve Storm Pres. & Gen. Mgr. T. Storm Roofing Co., Inc.	'28
Edwin R. Thomas Attorney	'32
Howard L. Townsend Attorney	'31
Frank J. Travers Second V-P., Investments Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.	'35
Geo. H. Van Arnam President Van Arnam Mfg. Co.	'12
Howard L. Van Arnam Executive V-P. & Secy. Van Arnam Mfg. Co.	'37

Rev. Elmer E. Voelkel, D.D. '47
Plymouth Congregational Church

Walter W. Walb '44
V-P. & Gen. Mgr.
American Steel Dredge Co., Inc.

Clifford B. Ward '45
Editor
The News-Sentinel

Dick F. Waterfield '27
Realtor

Richard H. Waterfield '37
President
Waterfield Mortgage Co., Inc.

William Waterfield '35
Vice President
Fort Wayne Corrugated Paper Co.

Robert W. Wilkins, M.D. '38
Obstetrician

Arthur W. Young '31
Associate Gen. Agt.
Aetna Life Ins. Co.

John M. Young '40
Bowser, Inc.
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Washington, D. C.

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Honorary Members

Geo. H. Van Arnam '12
R. Earl Peters '28
Fred S. Hunting '12

IN MEMORIAM

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1920	C. F. Bicknell
1922	L. C. Steger
1923	Jesse E. Green
1926	Chas. J. Scheiman
1927	Bert J. Griswold
1927	J. B. Franke
1929	W. L. Pettit
1931	E. G. Hoffman
1931	L. C. Ward
1932	Will B. Gutelius
1933	Thos. W. Stone
1933	J. B. Wiles
1935	John Wilding
1936	Oscar G. Foellinger
1936	J. Wade Bailey
1937	A. E. Thomas
1938	Saml. W. Newell
1938	C. B. Fitch
1938	E. F. Yarnelle
1938	Charles H. Bales
1939	Wallace E. Doud
1940	Charles C. Miller
1940	Louie H. Moore
1940	William C. Rastetter, Sr.
1941	Arthur K. Remmel
1942	John R. McKay
1942	Guy Mahurin
1942	Chester S. Kitch
1943	Henry J. Bowerfind
1943	Edward J. Little
1943	Walter S. Goll
1944	William J. Gross
1945	Ora M. Blaker
1945	George A. Jacobs
1946	William J. Hess
1947	Alfred L. Dern
1947	Henry Herbst
1947	G. Irving Latz
1947	Leonard Sykes

THE IDEAL CITIZEN - THE A #1 MAN (or is he?)

Written by S. W. McGill

He should know how to play (a) Checkers, (b) Dominoes, (c) Chess and be ready to do so on request. He should be interested in (a) Basket Ball, (b) play tennis or golf on every invitation. He should know how to advise young men (a) which college to attend, (b) which suit of clothes to buy, (c) which girl to marry-if he can.

He should know how to make (a) a cigarette addict quit smoking, (b) a swearing man quit swearing, (c) a drunken man quit drinking. He should know better than to let the work in which he is now engaged interfere with requests that are made of him to do something else.

He should be familiar with all current new books, and many of the older ones, especially the book written by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, which bears the title, "On Being Fit to Live With".

He should be willing to speak in public, on the slightest provocation, following the example of William Jennings Bryan, of whom it was said that no matter what the subject was, always spoke "On the Slightest Provocation". He should never be guilty of asking the impertinent question "On what basis do you invite Speakers". His would be host would not understand what he was talking about, or, if he did he would think you were mercenary.

He should know how many peaches there are in a can, the amount of combustion in a given grade of coal, and know all about electricity, even though Thomas A. Edison did not.

He should be willing, and know how, to teach a Bible Class with no advance notice having been given to him, to occupy the pulpit in a church without any advance notice.

The example of John L. Lewis, who finds it convenient to "disaffiliate" with anything he does not want to do, should never be followed.

There are such men - (Probably)

He should know how to pray (a) Sincere, (c) Zealous, (d) Obedient, (e) Ready to go on request. He should be interested in (a) Social Well, (b) Long Sermons or prayer on every invitation. He should know how to advise young men (a) which college to attend, (b) which suit of clothes to buy, (c) which girl to marry-if he can.

He should know how to make (a) a eloquent address quite impromptu, (b) a searching man quite unexpectedly, (c) a dreamer man quite startling. He should know better than to let the work in which he is now engaged interfere with preparing himself for a life of him to do something else.

He should be familiar with all preacher men books, and many of the older ones, especially the book written by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, which bears the title, "Is Religion Pie to Make Wise?"

He should be willing to speak in public, on the efficiency pro-
[illegible] Religion [illegible] Sunday School, [illegible]
[illegible] "Is Religion Efficacious". He should never be guilty of making the
[illegible] question "Is what Jesus do you invite Jesus?". He
should be from which his audition that he was talking about, or, if
he did he would think you were insane.

He should know how many preachers there are in a town, how many
are connected in a given grade of work, and know all about
[illegible] work through Thomas A. Edison did not.

He should be willing, and know how, to teach a Bible class or in
a church school having been given to him, to assume the [illegible]
[illegible] any advanced notion.

The example of John L. Lewis, who finds it convenient to "fire-
[illegible] everything or close but when he is, [illegible]
[illegible]

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